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Important to Harford
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County Executive Craig Updates Citizens on Hurricane Response, Announces Debris Drop-off Sites *Emergency shelter no longer open, Crews working to restore infrastructure*

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig held a briefing at the Emergency Operations Center in Hickory on Monday to give an update on storm recovery efforts.

County Executive Craig announced that the county will have available a total of five drop-off sites where residents can dispose of tree debris. In addition to the usual locations at Scarboro and Tollgate, three temporary satellite locations will be operating in Aberdeen, Edgewood, and Havre de Grace. Details on each location are as follows:

- **Harford Waste Disposal Center** (3135 Scarboro Road, Street):
Effective immediately and until further notice, the Harford Waste Disposal Center's Yard Trim Facility will be open to the public 7am to 4pm, Mondays through Saturdays. Both residential and commercial loads will be accepted.
- **Tollgate Drop-off site** (703 North Tollgate Road, Bel Air):
Beginning Tuesday, August 30, the Tollgate Yard trim drop-off site will be open from 7am to 3pm, Tuesdays through Fridays. From Saturday, September 3 to Monday, September 5 (Labor Day), the site will be open from 7am to 5pm. Thereafter, the site will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays 7am to 3pm until further notice. This site only accepts residential loads.

The following satellite sites will be open to the public beginning Tuesday, August 29, through Monday, September 5, from 7am to 5pm. These sites are for residential customers only:

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- Aberdeen Public Works Maintenance Shop parking lot, Michael Lane, Aberdeen (off Old Post Road);
- Edgewood Recreation Park parking lot, 1702 Trimble Road, Edgewood (across from the Kohl's warehouse);
- Havre de Grace Community Center, 100 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace.

As of noon on Monday, the emergency shelter at the Patterson Mill Middle/High School was closed. A small number of residents who were using the shelter were transported to local hotels.

The Harford County Emergency Information line (410-838-5800) will be operational until 11:00pm on Monday, and thereafter will operate daily from 8:00am to 5:00pm until further notice.

The Division of Emergency Operations (EOC) advises residents who have sustained storm-related damage to their living spaces to contact the EOC at 410-838-5800, or the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits at 410-638-3385. It is particularly important for homeowners and renters who do not have insurance to do so, because it opens the door for various assistance programs that may become available. It is also recommended that residents photograph damage to their homes.

As of 4:00 PM on Monday, there were 54 sections of county-maintained roads that were closed. Another 97 roads that had been closed had been cleared and reopened. County highways crews are working diligently to clear roads, and an updated listing of the status of county roads is available at www.harfordcountymd.gov/alerts/RoadStatus.cfm.

Also as of 4:00 PM, utility companies are reporting approximately 30,000 customers in Harford County without power. Utility crews are in the field working to restore power as quickly as possible. However given the large amount of homes and businesses without power, utility companies are advising that it may take a number of days before all power is restored.

Drivers are reminded to treat intersections without functioning traffic signals as four-way stops. Also, residents using generators are advised to ensure that there is adequate ventilation so as to negate the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

For more information on Harford County's recovery from Hurricane Irene, visit the county's website at www.harfordcountymd.gov.